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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5903

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTES IN PRIMARIES FOR STATE OR DISTRICT OFFICES AND FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill changes who is eligible to receive votes in an adjourned primary that is held to resolve a tie vote in a primary between two or more candidates for statewide, district, or legislative office. Under current law, all candidates who ran in the first primary for the office in which there was a tie may receive votes. Under the bill, only the candidates who tied and received the most votes in the first primary are eligible to receive votes in the adjourned primary.

The bill does not affect who is eligible to receive votes in an adjourned primary held to resolve a tie between two or more candidates for municipal office (other than state senator or state representative) or town committee, or slates of candidates for justice of the peace.

By law, the adjourned primary is held three weeks after the first primary. If the adjourned primary results in a tie, the secretary of the state resolves it by drawing lots.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)